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Responsive to the Official Action mailed January 11, 2005, please amend the subject patent application as follows: